

House Bill 350

By: Representatives Dodson of the 75th, Barnes of the 78th, and Porter of the 143rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician's assistants, so as to provide that a physician's assistant can provide services to disadvantaged patients at no cost under a temporary practice agreement; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physician's assistants, is amended by adding a new subsection to the end of Code Section 43-34-103, relating to applications for assistants, to read as follows:

"(h) A physician and a physician's assistant may enter into a temporary practice agreement exempt from any filing fees with the board by which agreement the physician supervises the services provided by the physician's assistant to patients at a specific facility or program operated by any organization exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, provided that:

(1) Such services are provided primarily to financially disadvantaged patients;

(2) Services are free or at a charge to the patient based solely on the patient's ability to pay and provided, further, that such charges do not exceed the actual cost to the facility or program;

(3) The supervising physician and the physician's assistant voluntarily and gratuitously donate their services;

(4) A copy of the temporary practice agreement, signed by both the supervising physician and the physician's assistant, is on file at the facility or program and is sent to the board;

(5) The temporary practice agreement is for a specified period of time, limits the services of the physician's assistant to those services within the scope of practice of the

1 supervising physician, and is signed by both the supervising physician and physician's
2 assistant prior to the physician's assistant providing patient services; and
3 (6) The facility or program has notified the board of its intent to provide patient services
4 and utilize licensed physicians and physician's assistants under the conditions set out in
5 this subsection."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.